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1. Weisse Industria y Comercio is a former German company which has some sort of relationship with Companhia Brasileira [See OOA-6347], though I was unable to determine what the connection was. The establishment has a floor space of 12,000 square feet. Production centers around copies of the German Weisse pumps. This firm is considered one of the best four pump manufacturers in Brazil along with Companhia Brasileira, Industrial Brasileira de Bombas Refaga, S.A. and the Haupt company.
2. A new plant is being built on the outskirts of Sao Paulo containing 25,000 square feet of space and located on three acres of ground. The occupation of the new plant is expected early in 1954. At present the production of pumps is approximately 450 per month. These are principally small centrifugals; the remaining being a few multi-stage high pressure centrifugals. In machine tools, the firm has 12 engine lathes, 5 or 6 drill presses, a small shaper, 2 small mills. Power is supplied by the firm's own diesel generating set. The equipment is almost all of Brazilian or German manufacture and in poor repair. No foundry is included in the plant. Castings are purchased outside. This firm is a comparably well operated company. This is obvious in the profits which have resulted in the expansion that is taking place.

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